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LETTER DATED 2 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letters, the most recent of which is contained in document S/26197, I have the honour to inform you that the Iranian armed forces have engaged in the following acts of aggression against the northern region:

1. On 20 July 1993, a Khomeini Guard force entered the villages of Sabilayn and Shiwakal in the Choarta sector and blew up one of the schools. In a clash between this force and local residents, one member of the Iranian force was killed and four others were taken prisoner. They were removed to Sulaymaniyah and handed over to the United Nations representatives. The Iranian force returned to Iranian territory.

The Iranian forces, which are stationed in Baneh, threatened to bomb Sulaymaniyah if the prisoners were not released and returned immediately to Iran.

2. At 0100 hours on 23 July 1993, Iranian forces fired Katyusha rockets into the Sulaymaniyah area, keeping up the bombardment for three hours.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq protests in the strongest terms against these fresh Iranian acts of aggression, which constitute a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and a blatant intervention in its internal affairs, and it condemns the Iranian regime's persistent violation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

The Government of the Republic of Iraq requests your intervention to prevent the Iranian side from repeating such acts of aggression, which are contrary to the norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and it reserves its full right to respond by using any appropriate means in order to safeguard Iraq's legitimate rights.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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